

MORAL ISSUES

Happiness and Duty

When I sought Happiness she fled,
Before me constantly.
Weary I turned to Duty's path,
And Happiness sought me,
Saying, "I walk the road today:
I'll bear thee company."
—British Workman.

Three Classes

Some one has said that there are three classes of churchgoers: "those who pray, pay and persevere; those who sit, sleep and snore; and those who are cynical, censorious and critical."—Exchange.

Why Study the Bible?

1. It is the oldest and yet the most popular book in the world.
2. From every standpoint it is the greatest of books. Its language is unequalled by any other; its interesting narratives are unmatched; its history and biographies are majestic; its inspiration came from God himself and its influence for good in the world is far greater than all other books combined.
3. The Bible is the revelation of God's will towards mankind. It contains the right solution of every religious problem that confronts men.
4. It is a book you can study a lifetime and yet not reach the depths of its inspired teachings.—From the Christian Observer.

Prayer Meeting Habit

Despite the fact that there have been men who have had confidence in prayer, it is still true that it is accepted as a fairly safe criterion of a man's character. The man who goes regularly to prayer meeting during the dog days is seldom a hypocrite or a scamp. Worldly men recognize this fact, and the Interior instances some recent cases. A large corporation asked a correspondent in the country to recommend to them a man for a lucrative and very responsible position. The reply was, "A young man passes my house every Wednesday evening on his way to prayer meeting at precisely a quarter to eight. I like the look of that. Shall I inquire further about him?" The result of which was a position for life at a large salary. Again, a city pastor was in a large establishment of the wholesale section of a city. "What!" said the superintendent, "have I any of your men here?" The pastor looked around, and said, "I see six." "Are any of them in the Sunday school?" "Yes, four." "How many of them are Christian Endeavorers?" "Two." "Do any of them go to prayer meeting?" "One." The next morning that "one" was called into the office and sent upon an errand of special responsibility. Upon his return, having satisfactorily discharged his duty, he was told to prepare to take charge of the interests of the firm in a neighboring State. "I cannot afford to break up my new home," was his frank reply. "I thank you, sir," was the reply, "since your salary will be quadrupled." All this is exactly in line with the spirit of religion; its law is, "not to be ministered unto, but to minister." The young man is free to go as he will; if he chooses the prayer meeting amid all the attractions that press upon him, he reveals a strength of character that any firm must respect.—Christian Evangelist.

The Weakness of the People

The State

The jury convicted Duncan B. Cooper, who shot and killed E. W. Carmack, the judge sentenced him to serve 20 years in prison and then the governor, Malcolm B. Patterson, instantly pardoned him.

The will of the people of Tennessee was set aside by the governor, for no other reason than that Cooper, the politician, had been the staunch supporter of Patterson the politician. To this the sovereign state of Tennessee had to submit. The courts of Tennessee were run over roughshod and Tennessee no redress. Patterson's offense against the state was plain, but for him there was no punishment.

The incident, recalled by the death of Cooper fourteen years after the killing of Carmack, should serve to impress the Tennesseeans with the singular weakness of their laws.

Why is the power left unrestricted in one man, holding the office of governor, to extend clemency as though he were a princeling of the 15th century in middle Europe? Why may a governor override the people, the jury being the highest agency of the people's power, for the sake of his henchmen?

Why are the people without the spirit to amend and correct the constitution and laws so that they may not be flouted by an executive unfaithful to his trust?

The people of South Carolina to this day leave in the governor the power unrestricted to protect his friends if he have them, and to reward those who are his political enemies.

Why are the people, of a self-governing state, so weak and foolish as to keep laws on their books that may be and often are used for their own undoing and that expose them to contemptuous treatment by characterless demagogues.

Men Who Lost and Men Who Didn't

Charlotte Observer

The recent strike by the railroad shopmen is now a matter of history, but while it has been dismissed from the public mind, it is well to establish some of the consequences of possible profitable future consideration. It ought to be put on record that in an opinion handed down by the United States Labor Board, in connection with its decision increasing the wages of the Maintenance of Way Employees, the board submitted a contrast of the results of the shopmen's strike with the procedure of the Maintenance of Way men who did not strike, but applied for a hearing of their case. They got the raise. The board's statement was to this effect:

"The shopmen's strike cost the railroad industry, it was estimated, the outlays with the outlay of expense, has inflicted great losses upon the public, especially the food producers, and has resulted in approximately \$77,553,524 loss to the strikers. For all this the men on strike have won nothing."

Contrasting the situation of the Maintenance of Way organization, which withheld its strike and appealed to the board, the union asserts the employees received about \$147,656,866 in wages since July first, which would have been lost had they gone on a strike, and in addition they received an increase of wages of about \$20,000,000 a year.

VICTORY OF DEMOCRATS THROUGHOUT COUNTRY GREAT

Republican Majority in Senate Cut Down to Two and in House to Fifteen—Republicans Lose Sixty-Three Seats in House and Seven in the Senate—Administration Forces Lose Working Control of Congress.

H. E. C. Bryant in a press dispatch from Washington of Nov. 9, says:

"The returns are practically all in. A few scattering results here and there will not change the situation. The republicans seem to have won both houses of Congress by a narrow margin. Enough republican progressives, most of them followers of fighting Bob LaFollette, have been elected to actually dictate the organization of the senate and house. The prospects for real fun are very bright. Democrats are pre-empting front seats to see the fight."

"The democratic sweep came as a great surprise to democrats as well as republicans. Two months ago it was apparent that the people were backing administration, but soon after congress quit, and the republicans began to send money to the states, things began to pick up a little for them, but that was the last long."

"Frank A. Hampton, who was about the only man seemed to be in touch with real conditions. He told yesterday before the vote was cast that New York would give a lead of 850,000 over Maine."

of winning candidates for senate that nobody else. The names of these were in this correspondence.

"As secretary and treasurer of the senatorial campaign committee, he did a clever piece of work. Today he made the positive statement that the republican administration forces have lost working control of Congress."

"He said that, while the republicans may have a nominal majority in the senate of eight or six, this majority is only nominal and not actual, for the reason that a number of insurgents included in the list of republicans will act with the democrats in a close fight."

Muskegon, Okla., Nov. 8.—Miss Alice M. Robertson, the only woman member of the Sixty-seventh Congress, late today conceded her defeat for reelection by W. W. Hastings, Democrat, the man she displaced from Congress two years ago. She is married and has a son.

"I am ready to concede the truth of the statement made so often in the campaign, that the Democrats committed the Governor, the militia and the election machinery—what more could they want?"

Detroit, Nov. 8. (By the Associated Press).—Former Governor Woodbridge N. Ferris, of Michigan, the first Democrat in seventy years to be elected to the United States Senate from the State that saw the birth of the Republican party, continued to maintain his lead of approximately 17,000 votes tonight over his Republican opponent, Senator Charles E. Townsend, as further returns from Tuesday's election were received.

Washington, Nov. 8.—The nationwide Democratic landslide eliminates Warren G. Harding as a possibility for the Republi-

can nomination in 1924, according to statements by politicians of both parties in Washington today.

The West is in open revolt against the variety of Republicanism represented by the administration and the East intolerant of Progressives is simply Democratic. This is the conclusion of those who are endeavoring tonight to analyze a situation without precedent in the history of the country.

Manchester, Nov. 8.—Election returns complete except for a few isolated settlements show the greatest Democratic landslide in New Hampshire since 1856. The Democrats have a majority of ten in the state house, while the Republicans remain in control of the state senate and governor's council.

New York, Nov. 8. (By the Associated Press).—Gov.-elect Alvin C. Smith, swept into office with the rest of the Democratic state ticket on the crest of a popularity unprecedented in state election history, will have a divided house—a Democratic senate and a Republican assembly—to work with when he takes office.

St. Louis, Nov. 8. (By the Associated Press).—United States Senator James A. Reed, who was reelected for his third term in the senate in a Democratic victory in Missouri yesterday after having been repudiated by his party two years ago, is "a man without a party," according to a letter from former President Woodrow Wilson which was made public here today.

Chicago, Nov. 9.—A continuation of Republican control in Congress, but with a majority of 165 in the house slashed to 15 and a senate majority cut in two was assured tonight by practically complete but unofficial reports from last Tuesday's elections.

Close races and belated returns left the exact majority in doubt since election, but on the face of tabulated returns tonight the 68th house of representatives will be composed of 225 Republicans, 207 Democrats, one Socialist, one Farmer-Labor and one Independent.

These returns forecast that the next senate would have 53 Republicans, a loss of seven, 42 Democrats and one Farmer-Labor from Minnesota.

Big Undertakings

"Talk about big jobs," said the Chief of hotel, while trying to look serious.

"Well," said the victim, wearily. "Wheeling West Virginia may be some, and Lansing Michigan may be rather a big surgical undertaking, but flushing Long Island isn't such a tiny little sanitary stunt."

Her Argument

A little girl was begging her mother to take her to visit her grandmother, who lived at a distance. He said: "It costs \$10 every time, Florence, and \$10 does not grow on every bush." "Neither do grandmothers grow on every bush," answered the little girl promptly. They went.

Murder Record

Wilmington Morning Star.

The number of murders committed in this country last year was 9,000, and the previous year shows a similar record. In the city of Philadelphia one hundred murders were committed, and the record for the country as a whole is without a parallel for a country enjoying peace conditions. The situation betokens an undermining of moral conditions which is indeed appalling. The fundamental law of the land recognizes the sacredness of human life, and all of our institutions are built upon this conception of civilized conditions, and the record demands and should receive the most serious consideration of the public. We are prone to look to the courts for the preservation of order and protection of life, and too often forget that the courts are no different from or greater than the standards imposed by public sentiment. The reason that the courts are singled out is because they represent something that is definite and tangible, but at bottom the trouble is with the people themselves. The courts may impose inadequate sentences, but the juries drawn directly from the people, are largely responsible for both the verdict and the penalty. Ordinarily, a judge will not impose a minimum sentence except upon the recommendation of the jury and there can be no doubt that the practice of delaying the trial of capital cases is intended and has the effect to influence the verdict in favor of the defendant, often at the expense of the prosecuting attorney.

den invaluable service to society by resisting delays and securing prompt trials.

The remedy must start in the home. This is indispensably necessary, for the failure to inculcate sound precepts and righteous principles in the child, is a failure which society in the large can never wholly supply. The want of such sound groundings in the child explains the weak sentimentality which so often influences a jury, and which is in no small degree responsible for the failure to administer justice in such a way as to be at once righteous in itself and preventive in its influence.

"Billy" Sunday, Jr.

Spartanburg Herald.

"Billy" Sunday, Jr., has again figured in the news. His escapades have perhaps been no more sensational than those of thousands of young men who have performed without gaining national, if not international notoriety—but he is the son of his father and where his father is, his son is bound to follow. It is news because of the contrast. It is news because "Billy" Sunday, Jr., should know better and does know better and is affording a demonstration of just how he should not act.

Of course, if "Billy" Sunday, Jr., has the right sort of stuff in him he will come to some day think the Lord that he had a father whose son could not be a bad actor and get away with it. It is hard on the fathers, for the time being, but it is a fine thing for the sons to have just that kind of a father. A father whose life and service are such as to cause a right thinking son—when he comes to right thinking, and the chances are that he will—to realize his obligations—is a fine kind of father to have. There are fathers whose lives do not make news out of the performances of their bad acting sons.

IT IS SAID

Life is a warfare.—Seneca.

Play out the play.—Shakespeare.

Poverty is spur to action.—Bulwer-Lytton.

Chapter of accidents.—Lord Chesterfield.

Many things difficult to design prove easy to performance.—Johnson.

Take care what you say before a wall, as you cannot tell who may be behind it.—Sandi.

Every man feels instinctively that all the beautiful sentiments in the world weigh less than a single lovely action.—Lowell.

The firmest friendships have been formed in mutual adversity, as iron is most strongly united by the fiercest flame.—Colton.

Just laws are no restraint upon the freedom of the good, for the good man desires nothing which a just law will interfere with.—Froude.

We are as eloquent as angels, we should please some men, some women, and some children, much more by listening than by talking.—Colton.

A lie always needs a truth for a handle to it. The worst lies are those whose blade is false, but whose handle is true.—Henry Ward Beecher.

He who tells a lie, is not sensible how great a task he undertakes; for he must be forced to invent twenty lies to maintain the first.

Men who neglect Christ, and try to win heaven through moralities, are like sailors at sea in a storm, who pull, some at the bowsprit, and some at the mainmast, but never touch the helm.—Henry Ward Beecher.

Liberty is a right of doing whatever the law permit; and if a citizen could do what they forbid, he would be no longer possessed of liberty, because all his fellow-citizens would have the same power.—Montesquieu.

No sooner met but they looked, no sooner looked but they loved, no sooner loved but they sighed, no sooner sighed but they asked one another the reason, no sooner knew the reason but they sought the remedy.—Shakespeare.

Justice commands us to have mercy upon all men, to consult the interests of the whole human race, to give to every one his due, and to injure no sacred public, or foreign rights, and to forbear touching what does not belong to us.—Cicero.

Never, never has one forgotten his pure, right-educating mother! On the blue mountains of our dim childhood, towards which we ever turn and look, stand the mothers who marked out to us from thence our life the most blessed age must be forgotten ere we can forget the warmest heart. You wish, O woman, to be ardently loved, and forever, even till death. Be, then, the mothers of your children.—Richter.

Mixed Blessings

Mixed blessings are not altogether satisfying, as a rule, but they are a great deal better than no blessings at all. The discipline we undergo from time to time make us all the more appreciative of the rewards we receive.—Charleston News and Courier.